GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3839
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2000
AMENDMENTS IN HINDU SUCCESSION ACT
JITENDRA PRASADA;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission in its report submitted to the Government recently has suggested amendments in the Hindu Succession Act (HSA), 1956 so that women may get an equal share in the ancestral property;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) A MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The Law Commission of India in its 174th Report on `Property rights of women: proposed reforms under the Hindu Law`, presented to the Government in May, 2000 has recommended certain amendments to the Hindu Succession Act,1956 so as to make daughters as coparcenars like sons in the Mitakshara coparcenary property of a Hindu undivided family so that they may become entitled to and get their shares on partition or on the death of a male coparcenar and to hold thereafter as tenants in common as also to seek partition of dwelling house like their male counterparts.

(c) The Government has written to the various State Governments/Union territory Administrations for ascertaining their views in the matter.